पासपोर्ट प्रपत्रों का अभाव

668. **श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी :**
श्री रशीद मसूद :

क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तरी क्षेत्र के पासपोर्ट कार्यालयो मे पासपोर्ट प्रपत्रो का काफी अभाव है ,

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि जालंधर स्थित पासपोर्ट कार्यालय मे पासपोर्ट प्राप्ति के लिए भारी सख्या मे आवेदन पत्र लम्बित है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो सितम्बर, 1987 के अंत तक ऐसे आवेदन-पत्रो की संख्या कितनी थी ; और

(ङ) क्या सरकार ने लंबित कार्य को पूरा करने के लिए कोई समयबद्ध योजना तैयार की है और यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० नटवर सिंह) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं । पासपोर्ट फार्मो की इस प्रकार की कोई भारी कमी नही रही है । यद्यपि, कुछ पासपोर्ट कार्यालयों ने फार्मो की सप्लाई को विनियमित किया है ताकि ठग और अवाछनीय एजेंट फार्मो का गलत इस्तेमाल न कर सकें तथापि, किसी भी प्रकार की कमी का सामना करने के लिए सभी पासपोर्ट कार्यालयों को अतिरिक्त पासपोर्ट फार्म भेजने की व्यवस्था की जा रही है ।

(ग) और (घ) जी, हा । सितम्बर, 1987 के अन्त तक नए पासपोर्ट के लिए 49,548 आवेदन पत्र लम्बित पड़े हुए हैं।

(ङ) लम्बित पड़े काम को निपटाने के लिए कोई समय-सीमा तो निश्चित नही की जा सकती बल्कि यह स्पष्ट रिपोर्टों की प्राप्ति पर निर्भर करता है किन्तु सभी पासपोर्ट कार्यालयों को ये स्थायी निदेश दिये गए हैं कि वे –

1 पुलिस प्राधिकारियो से स्पष्ट पहचान/सुरक्षा सत्यापन रिपोर्ट की प्राप्ति के एक हफ्ते के भीतर पासपोर्ट जारी कर दें ।

2. राज्य के सबंधित पुलिस प्राधिकारियों को बराबर इस बात के लिए स्मरण कराते रहें कि वे अपनी रिपोर्ट शीघ्र भेजे । साथ ही उन आवेदनो का भी स्मरण कराते रहे जिनके मामले औपचारिकतायें पूरी न होने के कारण लम्बित पड़े हैं ।

669. [*Transferred to the 18th November*. 1987]

U.S. Approval of Sale of Engine for LCA

670 SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the USA have approved sale of an advanced engine for our LCA project; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A contract has been signed with M/s General Electric, USA, for supply of eleven F-400 engines to be used during the prototype development phase of LCA.

671. [*Transerred to the 23rd November*. 1987]

Irrigation cost per acre of land

672. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleas to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the capital cost of Bhakhra Nangal irrigation project was about rupees 150/-

per acre of land that was to be brought under irrigation; if not, how much it was; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the capital cost, including the cost of interest and other pre-operational expenditure to be capitalised, of Sardar Sarovar project to be constructed on river Narmada works out to about rupees 54000/- per acre of land to be irrigated; if not, how much it is going to work out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The cost of irrigation from Bhakra Nangal Project was about Rs. 2000/- per hectare compared to over Rs. 18,000/- per hectare for Sardar Sarovar Project.

Tapping underground water resources

673. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to tap the underground water resources in the water scarcity areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this direction in the State of Rajashan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) An irrigation potential of 3.6, 2 6, 1 0; 0.7, 4 66, 2.65, 4.32, 2.60 and 0 70 lakh hectares in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu respectfively is planned to be created from ground water during the Seventh Plan.

(c) The steps taken to accelerate development of ground water are allocation of higher financial provisions under plan and Institutional Sectors, strengthening of State Ground Water Organisation and increased participation of Central Ground Water Board in the programme of investigation and development of groundwater.

Diversion of surplus water from the Eastern region

674. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to divert the surplus waters of the rivers of the Eastern region to water scarcity areas in the Western and Southern regions of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the manner in which Government propose to tackle the chronic problem of floods in the Eastern region and utilise the surplus waters of the rivers of this region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The National Perspective for Water Resources Development envisages transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins by interlinking of rivers and construction of storages.

(b) and (c) The perspective has two components:

(i) Himalayan Rivers Development envisaging interlinking of Brahmaputra and Ganga, Kosi, Gandak, Ghaghra, Ramganga; Yamuna and Ganga and Yamuna, Sutlej, Beas and Ravi.

(ii) Peninsular River Development envisaging interlinking of